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UM SCIENCE COMPLEX TO
OPEN SEPTEMBER 24

MISSOULA--

Construction will be completed late this summer and classes will begin Sept. 24 in the new Science Complex at the University of Montana.

The four-story structure will house the entire University geology and physics departments plus major portions of the chemistry department and forestry school.

The departments are scheduled to begin moving into the complex during the latter part of August.

Formal dedication of the building will be held during the 1971 UM Homecoming Oct. 21-23.

George L. Mitchell, administrative vice president at UM, said the vacated Geology Building, built in 1898, will be used as a "Venture Center"--the base for an innovative program funded under a \$100,000 Ford Foundation Venture grant to further develop undergraduate programs and to improve the University's educational procedures. The Math-Physics Building will become the Mathematics Building.

Begun in September 1969, construction on the Science Complex has continued on schedule. Knight & Co. of Great Falls designed the building.

Total cost of the building is \$3, 150,000. Federal funds provided \$1,049,999 and state funds total \$2,000,001 of the total cost.

Contracts for the project include \$1,897,000 for the general contractor (PEW Construction Co., Missoula); \$627,000 for the mechanical contractor (Burgess Mechanical Contractors Inc., Missoula); and \$288,888 for the electrical contractor (Electric Smith, Spokane, Wash.). The remainder of the cost covers architectural fees, legal and administrative site development, soil investigations and inspection and site survey.

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